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DIGEST OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS AFFECTING THE SALE OF HATCHING EGGS,  
CHICKS AND POULTS

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The purpose of this publication is to provide Official State Agencies and members of the hatchery industry with a ready source of information on regulations affecting the movement of hatching eggs, baby chicks and poults.

The publication contains digests of State laws or regulations as reported by the various National Poultry Improvement Plan Official State Agencies which apply to all hatcheries regardless of affiliation with the National Plans. Also listed are the import regulations of certain territories and foreign countries which have been reported by the officials in charge of administering the regulations or the U. S. Agricultural Attache.

The regulations are presented in very brief form. For more complete information, consult the administrative agency listed in the last column.

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State	Legal minimum pullorum requirements which apply to all hatching eggs, chicks and poults		Permit Required		Labeling or Certification Requirements on All Imports	Law or Regulation Administered by
	Produced for sale and sold within the State	Shipped into the State	For hatchery operation	For ship- ment		
Alabama	When sold by public hatcheries or dealers shall originate in U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Passed or Clean flocks or in flocks that have met comparable requirements. Sale and delivery of chicks and poults by itinerant salesmen prohibited unless salesmen represent licensed places of business in Alabama.	Shall originate in flocks that contain no reactors on the last test under supervision of Official State Agency or livestock sanitary officials of State of origin.	Yes	No	Shipments to be accompanied by certificate approved by Official State Agency or livestock sanitary official of State of origin. Label to include breed and sex of chicks and poults, name and address of hatchery and of firm represented by itinerant salesman.	Poultry Division Ala. Dept. of Agric. & Industries Montgomery, Ala.
Arkansas	All eggs set, including custom hatching, shall be from flocks tested for pullorum-typhoid with no reactors on last test. All hatcheries subject to inspection.	Shall originate from National Plan sources or from other flocks tested for pullorum-typhoid with no reactors on the last test.	No	No	Shipments to be accompanied by suitable NPIP form or health certificate showing that the flocks of origin have been tested and found free of reactors.	Arkansas Livestock Sanitary Board P. O. Box 2821 Little Rock, Ark.
Colorado	None	Shall originate from flocks participating in the National Poultry or Turkey Improvement Plan or from flocks which have met comparable standards under supervision of the poultry disease control authorities of State of origin.	No	No		Colo. State Dept. of Agriculture Animal Division 3130 Zuni Denver, Colorado
Georgia	Shall originate in flocks that are U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Passed or Clean or in flocks that have met comparable pullorum requirements under supervision.	Shall have been produced and handled under conditions no less adequate for the control of pullorum disease than those required under Georgia regulations.	Yes	Yes	Shall obtain Georgia Approval Number (blanket authorization). Shipments reported on official health certificates signed by livestock sanitary officer of State of origin, or, on NPIP forms if produced under pullorum control phase of the Plans.	Ga. Poultry Improvement Assn., Inc. Gainesville, Ga. by contract agreement with Ga. State Dept. of Agric.
Indiana	No chicks to be sold at public auction except under prior permit.	No chicks to be sold at public auction except under prior permit.	No	No (except for public auction)	For public auction: identified with approved labels, designating breed and variety, sex, date hatched, by whom hatched, freedom from disease and testing of parent stock.	Indiana State Veterinarian Indianapolis, Indiana



Iowa	Producers and sellers shall be licensed; shall maintain sanitary measures, provide ample facilities for care and handling and determine that all poults and chicks offered for sale are in a healthy condition. All containers shall be plainly labeled to show name of seller, number, breed and variety, percent of guarantee if chicks are sold as sexed chicks, date of hatch, and any tests made on parent stock.	None	Yes	No	Dept. of Agriculture Des Moines, Iowa
Kansas	None	None	No	No	State Livestock Sanitary Commission Topeka, Kansas
Kentucky	Shall originate in flocks that meet the minimum pullorum requirements of the National Plan, or in flocks that have met comparable pullorum requirements under supervision. No chicks to be sold at public auction except under prior permit.	Shall originate in flocks that meet the minimum pullorum requirements of the National Plan, or in flocks that have met comparable pullorum requirements under supervision. No chicks to be sold at public auction except under prior permit.	Yes	Yes	Livestock Sanitary Div. Dept. of Agriculture Frankfort, Kentucky
Louisiana	Shall originate from flocks authoritatively participating in the pullorum control and eradication phase of the National Plan, or from flocks having passed a negative blood test for pullorum disease under the supervision of the proper State Livestock Sanitary Official.	Shall originate from flocks authoritatively participating in the pullorum control and eradication phase of the National Plan, or from flocks having passed a negative blood test for pullorum disease under the supervision of the proper State Livestock Sanitary Official.	No	No	Livestock Sanitary Bd. La. Dept. of Agric. & Immigration Baton Rouge, La.
Maine		Shall originate from flocks or hatcheries that have a U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean classification.	No	Yes, for poultry 14 days of age or over.	Div. of Animal Industry Me. Dept. of Agric. Augusta, Maine



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Maryland	Shall be produced from flocks that are U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Passed or Clean, or from flocks that have met comparable pullorum requirements under supervision.	Shall be produced from flocks that are U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Passed or Clean, or from flocks that have met comparable pullorum requirements under supervision.			Yes, if chicks are sold. Also special permit required for selling at any auction, sales barn, community sale or by peddling from house to house or by vending in the streets.	Yes	Each container must be labeled showing pullorum status, number and breed and Md. Approval number.	Maryland Livestock Sanitary Service College Park, Md.
Massachusetts	Shall originate in flocks meeting the requirements of U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or Passed or have met comparable pullorum requirements under supervision.	Shall originate in flocks meeting the requirements of U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or Passed or have met comparable pullorum requirements under supervision.			No	No		Poultry Division Mass. Dept. of Agric. 41 Tremont St. Boston 8, Mass.
Michigan	No chicks to be sold at public auction except under prior permit.	No chicks to be sold at public auction except under prior permit.			No	No	For public auction each container labeled designating kind, number, date and by whom hatched, purity of breed, tests made on parent stock for pullorum, typhoid or tuberculosis.	Commissioner of Agric. Michigan Dept. of Agriculture Lansing, Michigan
Minnesota	Shall be distributed only from hatcheries or premises operating under official supervision. Chicken hatching eggs and chicks shall originate in flocks that are U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Passed or Clean or in flocks that have met comparable requirements under official supervision. Turkey hatching eggs and poults shall originate in flocks that are U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or in flocks that have met comparable requirements under official supervision.	Shall be distributed from hatcheries or premises operating under the National Poultry or Turkey Improvement Plans or under the supervision of the disease control agency of the State of origin. Chicken hatching eggs and chicks shall originate in flocks that are U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Passed or Clean or have met comparable requirements under the supervision of the official disease control agency of the State of origin. Turkey hatching eggs and poults shall originate in flocks that are U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or have met comparable requirements under supervision of the official disease control agency of the State of origin.			Yes	Yes	Each container used, in which birds or hatching eggs are shipped, shall bear an official label showing the name and address of consignor and consignee, the pullorum-typhoid classification and the number of the Minnesota permit.	Minnesota Livestock Sanitary Board 310 Globe Bldg. St. Paul 1, Minn.



Mississippi	Shall be produced from flocks that are U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Passed or Clean, or from flocks that have met comparable pullorum requirements under supervision.	Yes	No	Attached approved label designating breed and variety, date & hour hatched, pullorum classification, name & address of shipper. Accompanied by certificate showing pullorum qualification or by NPIP Form 15.	State Livestock Sanitary Board Jackson, Mississippi
Montana	Shall originate from a hatchery under supervision of poultry disease-control officials of the State and their qualification meets the minimum requirements of U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or comparable status.	Yes	Yes	Attached official label or certificate designating name & address of shipper, the authority under which testing was done, pullorum-typoid classification, Montana shipping permit number, number, breed and variety, sex and date of hatch.	Montana Livestock Sanitary Board and Montana Poultry Improvement Board Helena, Montana
Nebraska	None	No	No	Chicks offered for sale or sold at public auction: each container shall be labeled with the sworn statement of the owner designating the number of live chicks in each such container, the breed and variety, the date hatched, name and location of hatchery where hatched, whether contents are unsexed chicks, cockerel chicks or pullet chicks, and any other representation made at or prior to time of sale relative to breed & variety, and such tests as shall have been made on parent stock for pullorum disease.	Nebraska Bureau of Animal Industry Lincoln, Nebraska
New York	No chicks to be sold at public auction except under prior permit.	No	No (except auction sales)		Pullorum Division Bur. of Animal Industry Dept. of Agric. & Mkts. Albany 1, N. Y.
North Carolina	Shall originate in flocks that are U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Passed or Clean, or in flocks that have met comparable requirements under supervision.	Yes	No	Attached approved label or certificate showing name & address of shipper, pullorum control class of the product, and the authority for the pullorum testing.	North Carolina Dept. of Agriculture Veterinary Division Raleigh, N. C.
North Dakota	Shall originate in flocks that are U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean.	Yes	No	Attached label showing pullorum control class of the product and the authority for the pullorum testing.	N. D. Livestock Sanitary Bd. Bismarck, N. D., in co-operation with the N. D. Poultry Improvement Bd.



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Ohio	No chicks to be sold at public auction except under prior permit.	No chicks to be sold at public auction except under prior permit.	No chicks to be sold at public auction except under prior permit.	No	No	No (except auction sales)	For public auction: Approved label designating breed, sex, date hatched, by whom hatched.	Bur. of Animal Industry Ohio Dept. of Agric. Columbus, Ohio
Oklahoma	No chicks to be sold by peddling, by vending in the streets, or at public auction except under prior permit.	No chicks to be sold by peddling, vending in the streets, or at public auction except under prior permit.	No chicks to be sold by peddling, vending in the streets, or at public auction except under prior permit.	No	No	No (except peddling or vending or auction)	Attached official label or certificate designating name & address of shipper, the authority under which testing for pullorum was done and pullorum classification of the product. For peddling, vending, or auction, approved label designating number, sex, breed, date hatched, and any other representations made at or prior to the date of sale.	State Board of Agric. Oklahoma City 5, Okla.
Pennsylvania	Attached label showing number of chicks, breed & variety, date hatched, sex, pullorum testing of parent stock, name & address of producer and seller, and the words "Pa. Chicks" if hatched in Pennsylvania.	Attached label showing number of chicks, breed & variety, date hatched, sex, pullorum testing of parent stock, name & address of producer and seller; also must be free from evidence of infectious or transmissible disease.	Attached label showing number of chicks, breed & variety, date hatched, sex, pullorum testing of parent stock, name & address of producer and seller; also must be free from evidence of infectious or transmissible disease.	No	No	No	Attached label showing number of chicks, breed & variety, date hatched, sex, pullorum testing of parent stock, name & address of producer & seller; also must be free from evidence of infectious or transmissible disease.	Dept. of Agriculture Harrisburg, Pa.
Rhode Island	None	Shall originate from flocks classified as U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or from flocks which have met comparable standards under supervision of the poultry disease control authorities of the State of origin.	Shall originate from flocks classified as U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or from flocks which have met comparable standards under supervision of the poultry disease control authorities of the State of origin.	No	No	No		Animal Husbandry and Dairying Veterans Mem. Bldg. 83 Park St. Providence 2, R. I.
Tennessee	Producers and sellers shall maintain sanitary measures, provide ample facilities for proper care and determine that all chicks and poults offered for sale are in a healthy condition.	None	None	Yes	No	No	Attached label showing number, sex, breed and variety, date hatched, whether or not parent stock has been tested for pullorum disease, name and address of producer and seller.	Tennessee State Dept. of Agriculture Nashville, Tennessee



Utah	Shall originate in flocks that are Pullorum-Typhoid Passed, or Clean, or in flocks that have met comparable pullo- rum requirements under supervision.	Shall originate in flocks that are Pullorum-Typhoid Passed, or Clean, or in flocks that have met comparable pullo- rum requirements under supervision.	Yes (also for salesmen and dealers)	No	Attached label showing authority for testing and pullorum control class of the product. Certified copy of blood test to be filed with State Board of Agriculture.	Utah State Dept. of Agriculture Salt Lake City, Utah
Vermont	Shall originate in flocks and hatcheries that are U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Passed or Clean or in flocks that have met comparable pullorum requirements under supervision.	Shall originate from flocks that are U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Passed or Clean or from flocks that have met comparable standards under supervision.	No	Yes (into State)	Shall obtain Vt. permit number which shall be shown on each box, crate or container.	Dept. of Agriculture Montpelier, Vermont
Virginia	None	Shall originate in flocks that are U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Passed, or Clean, or from flocks that have met comparable standards.	No	Yes	Shall obtain Va. approval number (blanket permit) which must appear on each label of each package.	Division of Animal & Dairy Industry Va. Dept. of Agric. 1308 E. Franklin St. Richmond, Va.
Washington	Unlawful to sell chicks or poults that are affected with pullorum disease.	Shall originate from flocks classified as U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Passed or better.	No	No		Dept. of Agriculture Div. of Dairy & Livestock Olympia, Washington
Country	Import Requirements					Law or Regulation Administered by
Canada	<p>Poultry must be accompanied by a specific certificate (see USDA-ARS Form AIQ-35) issued by an accredited veterinarian, a State veterinarian, or an ARS veterinarian certifying that poultry covered by such certificate are free from evidence of infectious and contagious diseases and insofar as can be determined have not been exposed to avian pneumoencephalitis (Newcastle disease), fowl pest, fowl typhoid, pullorum disease and ornithosis. The certificate for newly hatched poultry and hatching eggs should cover the flock or flocks and the hatchery or hatcheries of origin. All certificates must be endorsed by a veterinarian of the United States Agricultural Research Service authorized to perform that service. Shipments must be made in new, clean containers, or in the case of poultry crates, in those which have been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected since last used.</p> <p>For chickens, turkeys, and hatching eggs derived therefrom of a type normally used for the production of meat and eggs, the flocks and hatcheries of origin must participate in the National Poultry and Turkey Improvement Plans, or originate from a flock or flocks that (a) have been twice pullorum-typhoid tested with negative results (the last test having been completed within the year) or (b) have been pullorum-typhoid tested with negative results within the past 30 days. For non-participants the testing shall be done in a manner satisfactory to the State veterinarian in the State of origin and the certificate must be signed by the issuing veterinarian and endorsed first by the State veterinarian, then by the ARS veterinarian authorized to perform that service.</p> <p>For bantams, fighting cocks, and poultry or hatching eggs other than those just previously mentioned, including poultry for immediate slaughter, neither NPIP-NTIP participation nor pullorum-typhoid tests are required,</p>					Canadian Veterinary Director General Health of Animals Division Dept. of Agriculture Ottawa, Canada



Country	Import Requirements	Law or Regulation Administered by
Hawaii	Imports shall originate from flocks that have a rating of U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Passed or higher or from flocks that have met comparable pullorum requirements under supervision. Each shipment shall be accompanied by an affidavit from the shipper stating that to the best of his knowledge and as a result of careful inspection the flock of origin does not have, and has not had within the past 60 days nor has it been recently exposed to Newcastle disease (avian pneumoencephalitis). Shipments shall be made in new, unused containers.	Div. of Animal Industry Territory of Hawaii Honolulu
Mexico	All importers are required to have a permit to cover each shipment. As a general rule imports will only be authorized from qualified participants in the National Poultry and Turkey Improvement Plans. Non-participants may apply for authorization by submitting to the Director General de Sanidad Animal a statement explaining in detail their program for pullorum control. A copy of such letters or statements should be sent to the Agricultural Attache, American Embassy, Mexico, D. F. Each shipment shall be officially labeled to show the classification of the product.	Director General de Sanidad Animal Aguiles Serdan 28 Mexico, D. F., Mexico
Puerto Rico	It is unlawful to introduce into Puerto Rico any fowl suffering from infectious and contagious diseases.  All domestic fowl or eggs of domestic fowl for hatching purposes which are introduced into Puerto Rico must be accompanied by a certificate or statement signed by a registered veterinarian certifying that such fowl, or eggs, come from hatcheries which are U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean according to the standards and requirements of the National Poultry Improvement Plan and certifying also, as regards fowl four weeks old or over, that at the time of their shipment were in good physical condition and free from symptoms of infectious and contagious diseases.	Div. of Regulations Bureau of Production and Marketing Dept. of Agriculture and Commerce Santurce, Puerto Rico
The Philippines	Fowl imported from any country shall be accompanied by a health certificate issued by the proper veterinary authority at the port of embarkation, certifying that they are free from, and have not been in contact with or exposed to, any dangerous and communicable diseases for at least 60 days prior to the date of shipment; that they have passed a negative test for pullorum disease and that they come from flocks free from the leucosis complex. Hatching eggs shall be accompanied by a certificate issued by the proper authority from the point of origin certifying that such eggs come from pullorum and leucosis free flocks.	Dept. of Agriculture and Natural Resources Bureau of Animal Industry Manila, The Philippines

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